

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates.

The disturbing trend toward media consolidation seems directly linked to the drift toward greater control of the political discourse in America by big corporate and conservative interests. I believe we are now paying a price for this in government by and for the special interests, which has promoted a conservative economic philosophy that is basically indifferent to the physical, social, educational and environmental interests of the great majority of the American people.

We should be working to ensure that alternate voices have the opportunity to speak and be heard in this country.

To do this, laws and regulations that promote fairness in the marketplace and on the airwaves should be promoted, enacted and upheld.